

Memorandum

Idaho Dept of Correction

Education, Treatment & Reentry Division

DATE: *December 22, 2014*

TO: *Offender Population*

FROM: *Ashley Dowell, Deputy Chief, Education, Treatment and Reentry Division*

RE: *Therapeutic Community Criteria Changes*

The Idaho Department of Correction's Division of Education, Treatment and Reentry has made changes to the entrance criteria for the Therapeutic Community Program. The entrance criteria for all Therapeutic Communities, those for Riders and Termers, is now the same. This will ensure that offenders with the highest need receive the most intensive treatment services. All pathways are assigned based on the review of offender assessments.

If you previously met the criteria to be placed in a Therapeutic Community and are now eligible to have your pathway changed, that change will be made in the system by ET & R staff. Your case manager will notify you of this change if one is made. If your pathway is changed you will have to wait 6 months from the date of your last removal from the Therapeutic Community to enter the classes for your new pathway. If it has been more than six months from the date of your last removal from the Therapeutic Community you will be enrolled in your new pathway classes as seats are available.

Please remember that all offenders assigned to participate in the Therapeutic Community program were reviewed as part of this process. Changes have been made solely based on the new entrance criteria. Changes are not made outside of this criteria unless a medical or mental health issue exists that may prevent successful completion of the Therapeutic Community program. If you are concerned about your ability to complete a Therapeutic Community due to a medical or mental health issue, please discuss your concerns with your case manager so they can initiate the process to have your concerns reviewed by clinical staff.

If you saw the Parole Commission after 9/1/2014 and the Parole Commission required that you complete a Therapeutic Community program prior to release, you will be required to complete the Therapeutic Community program.

This memo will be posted on the Idaho Department of Correction webpage at www.idoc.idaho.gov for your family and friends to review. If you have any questions about this process please contact your case manager.